

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

EDUCATION PRE-K - 12
Senator Wise, Chair
Senator Bullard, Vice Chair

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, March 30, 2011

TIME: 1:30 —3:30 p.m.

PLACE: 301 Senate Office Building

MEMBERS: Senator Wise, Chair; Senator Bullard, Vice Chair; Senators Alexander, Benacquisto, and Montford

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	SB 700 Siplin (Similar H 309)	Education; Authorizes district school boards to adopt resolutions that allow prayers of invocation or benediction at secondary school events. Provides legislative intent. Provides for severability. ED 03/30/2011 Temporarily Postponed JU RC	Temporarily Postponed
2	SB 1176 Ring (Identical H 831, Compare H 763)	High School Athletic Trainers; Encourages school districts to employ at least one full-time certified athletic trainer at each high school in this state. Requires athletic trainers at high schools to be certified by the Board of Certification of the National Athletic Trainers' Association. Provides a rebuttable presumption that a school district did not negligently employ an athletic trainer for purposes of a civil action for negligence by the athletic trainer if the school district made a good faith effort to comply with the certification requirements for athletic trainers, etc. ED 03/30/2011 Favorable JU BC	Favorable Yeas 3 Nays 0
3	SB 1388 Flores (Similar H 965)	Department of Revenue; Authorizes the department to release certain taxpayers' names and addresses to certain scholarship-funding organizations. Deletes a limitation on the amount of tax credit allowable for contributions made to certain scholarship-funding organizations. Extends the carry-forward period for the use of certain tax credits resulting from contributions to the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program. Deletes a restriction on a taxpayer's ability to rescind certain tax credits resulting from contributions to the program. ED 03/30/2011 Fav/CS BC	Fav/CS Yeas 2 Nays 1

A proposed committee substitute for the following bill (SB 1546) is expected to be considered:

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4	SB 1546 Thrasher (Compare H 7195)	Charter Schools; Revises provisions relating to the sponsoring entities of charter schools. Authorizes state universities and colleges to approve charter school applications and develop charter schools under certain circumstances. Creates the Charter School Review and Appeals Panel. Provides for the designation of charter schools as high-performing if certain requirements are met. Creates the College-Preparatory Boarding Academy Pilot Program for dependent or at-risk students, etc. ED 03/23/2011 Temporarily Postponed ED 03/30/2011 Fav/CS HE BC	Fav/CS Yeas 3 Nays 0
5	SB 1320 Wise (Identical H 989, Compare H 4169, S 1186, S 1306)	Physical Education Instruction in Public Schools; Requires that physical education instruction for students in kindergarten through grade 5 be delivered by a certified physical education teacher. Requires that each district school board provide 150 minutes of physical education instruction by a certified physical education teacher each week for students in grade 6 who are enrolled in a school that contains one or more elementary grades so that on any day during which physical education instruction is conducted there are at least 30 consecutive minutes per day, etc. ED 03/30/2011 Fav/CS BC	Fav/CS Yeas 3 Nays 0
A proposed committee substitute for the following bill (SB 1696) is expected to be considered:			
6	SB 1696 Wise (Compare CS/H 1255, H 1341, H 4217, H 5101, CS/H 7087, S 1832, CS/S 1844, S 1950, S 1996, S 2026)	Public School Accountability; Deletes a provision that requires the Florida Virtual School to be administratively housed within the Office of Technology and Information Services within the DOE. Revises the powers and duties of district school boards to require that students be provided with access to Florida Virtual School courses. Revises provisions relating to public school improvement. Revises the general requirements for middle grades promotion. Revises provisions relating to the employment of nondegreed teachers of career education, etc. ED 03/30/2011 Fav/CS BC	Fav/CS Yeas 3 Nays 0
7	Presentation by the Department of Education on Seclusion/Restraints		Presented